

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the application:

LISTING OF CLAIMS:

Claims 1-11 (canceled).

12. (currently amended): [The method of claim 11,] A method for use in a system in which information is transmitted, said method comprising the steps of:

generating an extended code (COD) field representing a coding state of said information;
including, in said extended code field, a bit stream indicating whether both a motion vector (MV) and a discrete cosine transform (DCT) value are not encoded, whether both the MV and the DCT are encoded, and whether only the MV is encoded, wherein said extended code field comprises at least two bits, and wherein the COD field having a bit value of "11" indicates that neither the MV nor the DCT value are encoded, the COD field having a bit value of "00" indicates that both the MV and the DCT are encoded, and the COD field having a bit value of "01" indicates that only the MV is encoded; and

wherein where an error exists in a channel, only the values of "00" and "11" are used in an error allowable mode.

13. (previously presented): The method of claim 12, wherein when packetized data is divided and transmitted in the error allowable mode, the number of "1" of the COD field in a packet is encoded using variable length coding (VLC) and transmitted before the COD field without transmitting the original COD and when the combined code has a bit value of "00", "0"

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is transmitted, and when the combined code has a bit value of "11", "1" is transmitted, and in the cases of other combinations, the original codes of VLC and COD are transmitted without change.

Claims 14-16 (canceled).